

JASPER COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEETING  
Public Meeting November 14th, 2016

Board Member Del Cleck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Rensselaer Branch of the Jasper County Library, Rensselaer, IN. Board members in attendance were; Del Cleck, Nancy Shull, Jerry Furst, Marisha Mathews, Animal Control Director Mark Sinclair, Animal Shelter Manager Tricia Curry. A few members of the public were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed. Nancy made a motion to accept the previous minutes, Jerry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mark gave the Director's report. He stated that the shelter took in 19 dogs and 16 cats, 16 dogs were reclaimed by their owners, 7 dogs were adopted and or rescued. Six cats were adopted and 4 were rescued. Year to date the shelter has had 110 adoptions, with 52 dogs and 58 cats going to their adopted homes. Volunteer hours total was 24 for the month. Time was spent on building grounds, with attention being spent on the shed.

OLD BUSINESS

The security cameras for the shelter discussed during the previous meeting was labeled,

Pet Point update was discussed. The new software will allow information to be updated in real time on Face Book and on Petango. These sites will help promote the adoptable animals that are available at the shelter. The new software will be in place and active Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Budget matters were discussed for financial needs to cover payroll of employees at the shelter. Del mentioned that a detailed letter will be sent to Commissioners and Councilmen.

NEW BUSINESS

Del made mention of the empty seat on the board for the town of DeMotte, District #1.

Mark stated that he was given approval to hire a new part-time Animal Control Officer. He has advertised this open position in several newspapers and is reviewing applications as they are received.

The topic of Owner Surrendering of Unadoptable Animals was discussed. Mark stated that he looked into the County Ordinance for explanation of this topic. He would like to know in details the responsibilities of Animal Control when an unadoptable animal is being surrendered. Del stated that she will reach out to the Commissioners for clarification of this.

Del made mention that the County Commissioners will be appointing and re-appointing the positions on the board. Talk of term dates was discussed.

CITIZEN COMMENT TIME

Kathleen Herbert said that there is a dog that is getting loose a few miles from her home. She addressed concern as this is a busy traffic area and was worried for its safety. She made mention that on occasion she and her husband have returned this animal to its home when it has gotten loose and the clip on its chain was stuck. She asked if Mark was aware of this situation as she has called this information into the shelter before. Kathleen also voiced her concerns to the food and shelter of said animal. Mark told her that he is aware of this information and that he would visit this area personally the next morning of business. Kathleen then asked when the shelter would be open on Saturdays. Mark explained to her that when a new employee is trained and the shelter has the hours for staff to work on Saturdays the shelter will be open again on Saturdays. Kathleen then asked about volunteering at the shelter and the process for which someone could volunteer. Mark explained that a volunteer application needs to be filled out and then time can be scheduled for someone to come in and help.

The next meeting for Animal Control will be Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6p.m.

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With all business and all other matter discussed Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Tricia Curry